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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Claims 1-39 Canceled

Claim 40 (Amended) In a dispenser for feeding perforated towels from a continuous roll of towels positioned in said dispenser to dispense said towels along the vertical axis of said roll of towels, said dispenser including a dispenser body for containing said continuous roll and a nozzle attached to said dispenser body for dispensing an end portion of said continuous roll, said nozzle including a base having a centralized opening, the improvement comprising: a tapered exit funnel having a wall continuously extending from an inlet end and converging to a single outlet of the dispenser, wherein said inlet end is attached to said base in a fixed position aligned with the vertical axis of said continuous roll of towels and directly adjacent to said base such that an unobstructed passageway from said centralized opening to said outlet is provided for an end of said continuous roll, and wherein said outlet ~~of~~ has a first longitudinal axis offset from vertical and said centralized opening has a second axis, wherein said first longitudinal axis of said outlet and said second axis of said centralized opening intersect to form an acute angle away from said second axis of said centralized opening and towards the user.

Claims 41-44 Canceled

Claim 45 (Previously Presented) The dispenser of Claim 40 wherein said acute angle is about 30 degrees.

Claim 46 (New) The dispenser of Claim 40 wherein said nozzle is positioned on the lower surface of said dispenser body.

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Claim 47 (New) The dispenser of Claim 40 wherein said dispenser body comprises a cover for surrounding a continuous roll of towels positioned in the dispenser.

Claim 48 (New) The dispenser of Claim 47 wherein said tapered exit funnel is an integral part of said cover.

Claim 49 (New) The dispenser of Claim 47 wherein said tapered exit funnel is removably attached to said cover.

Claim 50 (New) The dispenser of Claim 40 wherein said dispenser body comprises a hanging mechanism on the back surface of said dispenser body for attaching the dispenser to a wall.

Claim 51 (New) The dispenser of Claim 40 wherein said dispenser body comprises a front portion connected to a back portion by a hinge on one side.

Claim 52 (New) The dispenser of Claim 51 wherein said dispenser body comprises an opening means positioned on the side of said dispenser body opposite said hinge for opening and closing the dispenser, wherein said opening means releasably attaches said front portion to said back portion of said dispenser body.

Claim 53 (New) The dispenser of Claim 40 wherein the centralized opening in said base is defined by an edge that engages a first section of the continuous roll of towels as said single outlet of the dispenser engages a second section of the continuous roll of towels.

Claim 54 (New) The dispenser of Claim 53 wherein said edge exerts a frictional force on said first section of the continuous roll of towels as said single outlet of the dispenser exerts a second frictional force on said second section of the continuous roll of towels.